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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION** Attorney Docket No.: 10407-73US (A3088MT-US1)  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

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- an ☒ Original; or  
 a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
 of prior Application No. filed.  
 Anticipated Group/Art Unit: or Class , Subclass .  
☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. ,  
 filed .

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 139 pages.  
☒ 25 sheets of drawings (formal).  
☐ Application Data Sheet.  
☒ Newly executed Declaration (copy).  
☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).  
☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).  
☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:  
☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.  
☒ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention  
☒ Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) of Application No(s). filed is/are filed:  
☐ herewith or ☐ in prior application .

- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)
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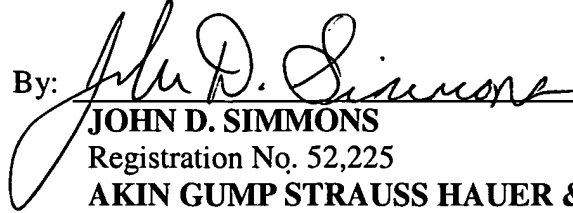
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